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| 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on   |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| 2a) This action is <b>FINAL</b> 2b) This   | action is non-final.   |   |  |  |  |  |
| 3) Since this application is in condition for allowan  | Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is  |   |  |  |  |  |
| closed in accordance with the practice under E   | x parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 45   | 33 O.G. 213.  |  |  |  |  |
| Disposition of Claims  |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| 4) Claim(s) is/are pending in the application.   |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.   |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| 5)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-6 &amp; 8-20</u> is/are allowed.   |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| 6)☐ Claim(s) is/are rejected.  |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| 7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.  |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| 8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or  | election requirement.  |   |  |  |  |  |
| Application Papers   |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| 9) The specification is objected to by the Examine   | Г.   |   |  |  |  |  |
| 10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) acce  | epted or b) objected to by the E   | Examiner.   |  |  |  |  |
| Applicant may not request that any objection to the  | drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See  | e 37 CFR 1.85(a).   |  |  |  |  |
| Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correcti  | on is required if the drawing(s) is obj  | ected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  |  |  |  |  |
| 11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Ex  | aminer. Note the attached Office   | Action or form PTO-152.   |  |  |  |  |
| Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119   |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign a) All b) Some * c) None of:   |  | -(d) or (f).  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No</li> <li>3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage</li> </ul>  |  |   |  |  |  |  |
| application from the International Bureau  | •  | ed in this National Stage   |  |  |  |  |
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| 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) Interview Summary   |   |  |  |  |  |
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| 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date   | 6) Other:  |   |  |  |  |  |
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This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

On page 1, ¶-0002, applicant needs to fill in the blanks re the related U.S. Patent Application numbers.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex* parte Quayle, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213, (Comm'r Pat. 1935).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Creighton H.

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